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Senate

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. Thurmond].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by Bishop Kenneth Ulmer, of the Faithful Central Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, CA.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Dr. Kenneth C. Ulmer, offered the following prayer:

O God our help in ages past; our strength, our hope, our joy for years to come. Father, we give You thanks and praise for the consistency of Your faithfulness. Morning by morning You have showered us with new mercies and new expressions of Your grace, and for that we say thank You. As Jehovah Shalom You have given us Your peace in a world of confusion. As Jehovah Jireh You have provided us with the riches of Your grace and mercy. As Jehovah Rohi, You have been the great shepherd of this Nation. Lord, give us the ability to acknowledge the possibility of our own error, patience that we might listen to opposing opinions, and wisdom to learn from one another. Give us honesty that we might speak the truth in love and strength that we might not falter in the quest for truth and justice. Keep us humbled by the limitations of our own perspectives and encouraged by the magnitude of divine vision. When the tensions of our democracy would tend to divide us, keep us constantly aware of Your omnipotent ability to make us one as we celebrate the diversity within our unity. May we sense the sacredness of our call to leadership. O God, may integrity and uprightness preserve this Nation. As we faithfully serve its people may we so faithfully serve You. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the Senator from Mississippi, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the President pro tempore. It is a pleasure to see the President pro tempore.

GREETING BISHOP KENNETH C. ULMER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I am proud to extend the greetings of the Senate today to Bishop Kenneth Ulmer from Los Angeles, who delivered the morning prayer. Our Chaplain, Dr. Ogilvie, tells me he is one of the truly great emerging spiritual leaders of our Nation. Since his arrival 12 years ago at the Faithful Central Missionary Baptist Church, where Bishop Ulmer occupies the pulpit, the congregation has grown from one of 325 to one of over 3,500. Bishop Ulmer is recognized as one of California's most respected voices in promoting positive relationships between people of all races and backgrounds.

He is a member of the California attorney general's policy council on violence prevention and a member of the board of directors of the Rebuild Los Angeles Committee. I know all Senators join me in thanking Bishop Ulmer for joining us this morning.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will conduct a period for morning business until 10:45 a.m., with Senator GRASSLEY to speak for up to 15 minutes and Senator HATCH for up to 45 minutes.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the illegal immigration bill and the pending

amendments. The yeas and nays are ordered on several of these amendments; however, those votes will not occur prior to the scheduled vote at 2:15.

As a reminder, at 2:15 p.m. today, there will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the Whitewater resolution. The Senate will recess from the hours of 12:30 p.m., to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy conferences to meet. The Senate can expect rollcall votes to occur throughout the session today in order to make progress on the pending illegal immigration bill.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for morning business.

The Senator from Iowa is recognized for 15 minutes.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, before I speak, I ask unanimous consent to yield to Senator Thurmond for the purpose of introducing bills without it cutting into my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THURMOND. I thank the able Senator very much.

(The remarks of Mr. Thurmond pertaining to the introduction of S. 1672 and S. 1673 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. GRASSLEY pertaining to the introduction of S. 1674 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

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